

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the drawings have been amended responsive to Item 1 of the Action to identify the "gap" by the letter G in Figs. 8A-8B; that change is also made in each of Figs. 3B, 6B and 7D.

Further in Fig. 8B, the incorrect numeral "43" has been changed to - - 49 - -, consistent with the description of that drawing in the specification at page 15, line 35.

The specification has been amended, to include citation to the above, new designations in the drawings and claims 17, 19 and 21 are amended for clarification.

Furthermore, claim 21 has been amended to clarify an expression in the concluding clause.

No new matter is presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the corrected drawings, amended specification and amended claims are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF APPLICATION

Claims 1-17 and 19-21 are allowed.

Claim 18 is rejected.

The specification has been amended to identify a gap "G" in each of Figs. 3B, 6A, 7D and 8B and, in Fig. 8B, the number change of "43" to - -49- - is consistent with the specification description of that figure at page 15, line 32.

Moreover, the specification has been amended to incorporate the designation of "G" for the gap in those figures, respectively, at page 7, line 3, page 10, line 15, page 13, line 24 and page 15, line 35.

ITEM 3: REJECTION OF CLAIM 18 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) OVER APPLICANT'S PRIOR ART "APA" IN VIEW OF ASANO ET AL. (USP 6636181)

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Fig. 1A and 1B of "APA" show a liquid crystal display (LCD) 101 - - wherein Fig. 1A shows a front surface thereof and Fig. 1B shows a back surface thereof, respectively.

The Action is therefore incorrect in stating that the FIG. 1A and 1B instead show a touch panel comprising a "first layer and a second layer that are arranged to face each other (Figs. 1A-

1B and specification, pages 1-2) with a predetermined gap being formed between the first layer and the second layer...."

The Action concedes, moreover, that "APA" does not expressly disclose a touch panel having a Yagi-Uda antenna.

Accordingly, there is no basis for the further conclusion in the last paragraph of page 3 of the Action that "it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate Asano's touch panel device having a Yagi-Uda antenna into APA touch panel system so as to generate no dead angle in the radiation pattern of the high frequency signal energy (column 14, lines 53-67)."

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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